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1. BELIEVE PUBLISHED VERSION OF THIS REPORT AS PUT OUT BY COMMERCE DEPARTMENT SHOULD OMIT LAST SENTENCE OF SECOND PARAGRAPH UNDER HEADING " LAUREL- LANGLEY AGREEMENT TO EXPIRE". SENTENCE TO BE OMITTED READS AS FOLLOWS: " THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT HAS PROPOSED NEGOTIATIONS OF A SUCCESSOR TREATY TO THE LAUREL- LANGLEY AGREEMENT AND DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS COULD TAKE PLACE SOME TIME THIS YEAR."

2. SINCE WE HAVE NOT YET PROGRESSED TO POINT OF BEING COMMITTED TO DISCUSSIONS OR NEGOTIATIONS FOR A FOLLOW- ON TREATY, AND SINCE, IN FACT, POLICY CABLE REGARDING THIS MATTER IS STILL IN PREPARATION HERE IN WASHINGTON, BELIEVE PREFERABLE NOT CONVEY IMPRESSION TO AMERICAN BUSINESS COMMUNITY AT THIS JUNCTURE THAT WE ARE IN FACT COMMITTED TO NEGOTIATIONS.

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3. HOPE EMBASSY WILL AGREE TO OMISSION THIS SENTENCE
AT THIS TIME. ROGERS

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